

## **Democracy Commission Small Grants Program - Program Guidelines**

The purpose of the program is to assist Romanian independent, non-governmental, non-political, non-profit organizations in their efforts to promote democracy through: human rights activities, media development, civic education, legal system reform, market reforms, the development of democratic institutions, equal chances, anti-trafficking in persons, and anticorruption. During 2008, applications which address the following areas are especially encouraged: youth leadership, civic participation, journalism training, protection of minorities, and development of civil society using English Teaching.

American organizations and individuals are not eligible for grants, including American/Romanian joint ventures that are funded by the American participant. Also non-eligible are projects relating to partisan political activity, charitable activity and humanitarian aid, fund-raising campaigns, commercial projects.

Grant applications are reviewed by the Democracy Commission at the U.S. Embassy in Bucharest, and by officers at the Department of State in Washington, D.C. Proposals are evaluated according to the topic of the project, clearly formulated goals and target groups, and the ability of the applying organization to carry out the project aims.

The maximum amount per grant is \$24,000. However, most grants will be for smaller amounts. Budgets should be submitted in U.S. dollars. All budget items included should be related to project activities. Democracy Commission funds may not be used for international travel, direct social services, office rent, utilities and furniture, food expenses, alcohol and entertainment. Salaries and honoraria should be in accordance to rate of pay and percentage of time spent on project-related activities.

These are one-time grants. The applicant should indicate how the organization will be sustained after the grant is finished.

Organizations may apply via email at: [pdgrants@state.gov](mailto:pdgrants@state.gov) using the standard application form provided. Project proposals must be in English.

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